REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the application and withdrawal of the finality. In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit the below remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of these remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 10-68 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable an article entitled "VolanoChat Java solution turns ordinary web sites into interactive money makers" published on August 27, 1996 in Business Wire in view of U.S. Patent 5,572,619 (hereinafter Judson) and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,794,006 (hereinafter Sanderman). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons set out below.

Applicants contend that the references alone or in combination do not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 10, or the other independent claims of the present application. The Applicants' arguments shall be presented with respect to claim 10. However, these comments are applicable to the other independent claims of the present application, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these comments and remarks when reviewing the other independent claims for allowability.

Volano does not teach establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications. Volano discloses a chat room technology that supports advertisement banners, different languages, user groups, simple installation, etc. Volano states that VolanoChat works with all Java-compatible browsers, i.e. VolanoChat is capable of displaying chat windows utilizing Java-compatible browsers. Volano does not disclose chat functions in relation to browser functions. Volano simply states that VolanoChat

works with all Java-compatible browsers. There is absolutely no disclosure or suggestion of establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications.

None of the other cited references are used to invalidate establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications because neither Judson nor Sanderman teach or disclose establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications.

The Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) has been addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. The Applicants furthermore submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,
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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

10. (Three Times Amended) A method for embedding chat functions in a Web page, comprising:

in response to a command received by a computer, establishing a browser region including a browser frame controlled by a browser client on a display device; and

establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region,

wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications.

28. (Three Times Amended) A system for embedding chat functions in a Web page, the system being connected to a computer network and comprising:

a display device; and

a computer for, in response to a command, establishing a browser region including a browser frame controlled by a browser client on the display device and establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, and wherein the chat region and the browser region are concurrently displayed, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, and wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications.

48. (Three Times Amended) A computer program product stored on a tangible medium and comprising:

a computer application stored on a tangible medium processable by a computer for causing the computer to:

in response to a command, establish a browser region including a browser frame controlled by a browser client on a display device;

establish a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region contemporaneously with the browser region; and

display the browser region and chat region concurrently on the display device, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region, and wherein chat functions of the chat region and browser functions of the browser region are synchronized via dynamic linking of chat applications and browser applications.